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SUBJECT: FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF TENERIFE AIR DISASTER:
SPANISH EXPECT TO FINALIZE TECHNICAL REPORT SOON

REF: MADRID 2391; MADRID 2503

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES FROM U.S. CORRESPONDENTS ON ANNIVERSARY OF PAN AM-KLM DISASTER AT TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS, MARCH 27, 1977, WITH REGARD TO STATUS OF GOS INVESTIGATION. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH SPANISH CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS (LT. COL. TORRES AND CAPT. BELLIDO OF COMMISSION FOR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS) AND INFORMED THEM THAT US PRESS HAD INQUIRED AND THAT, IF THEY PREFERRED, EMBASSY WOULD REFER NEWSMEN DIRECTLY TO THEM. SPANISH SAID THEY WOULD PREFER THAT EMBASSY PROVIDE INFORMATION.

2. ACCORDING TO SPANISH OFFICIALS THEY HOPE TO CONVENE MEETING OF ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BOARD (INCLUDING NTSB REPRESENTATIVE AND NETHERLANDS CIVIL AVIATION REP) WITHIN "NEXT FEW WEEKS" TO FINALIZE REPORT. BELLIDO
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SAID TELEX WOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO NTSB (DREYFUS), BUT EMBOFF REQUESTED THAT WE BE INFORMED IN ANY CASE. FINAL TECHNICAL REPORT WOULD BE RELEASED TO US AND NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENTS IN ACCORD WITH ICAO PROCEDURES. HOWEVER, SPANISH WERE UNSURE ABOUT RELEASE OF REPORT TO PUBLIC, SINCE (ACCORDING TO BELLIDO) IT CONTAINS MATERIAL UNDER CONTROL OF SPANISH COURT IN TENERIFE.

3. INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH TWO WAS PROVIDED TO CBS REP AND TO WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT, WHO BOTH INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE USED FOR ANNIVERSARY ITEMS. DEPARTMENT AND/OR NTSB MAY RECEIVE FURTHER INQUIRIES FROM U.S. MEDIA ON SUBJECT. IN GENERAL WE HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED BY GOS AND THAT REQUESTS FOR DETAILS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO APPROPRIATE SPANISH OFFICIALS. STABLER

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